Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council Meeting (AISAC) Work Group - Coordination & Funding Task Team Meeting

Wednesday, December 1st, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

McMahon, Tom (AGFD - Facilitator); Northam, Ed (U. of A., Cooperative Extension); Brock, John (A.S.U., retired); Umeda, Kai (U. of A. Cooperative Extension); Aikens, Rory (AGFD); Witte, Doug (ASLD); Moorhead, Brian (SRP); Riley, Larry (AGFD); O'Brien, Chasa; Walker, Dr. David (Public – U. of A. Consultant)

Call to Order

Tom McMahon called the meeting to order at 8:40am at the Arizona Game and Fish Department Main office (Nighthawk Rm), located at 5000 West Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086.

Introductions commenced.

Approval of Minutes from June 14th, 2010 Task Team Meeting

Discussion revolved around ACTION ITEMS from previous meeting:

- AGFD/AISAC "Arizona's 10 most UNWanted Invasive Species" posters and subsequent remakes for 2011
- John B's attendance at the July 2010 SW noxious weed short course
- Short discussion on NISAW (National Invasive Species Awareness Week) attendance by AISAC members.
- Ed N. discussed a Grant from PTI (Pulling Together Initiative) w/ matching funds from SRP. Grant status is pending, but approval looks good.

Motion to accept minutes made by John B.; Seconded by Ed N. – Motion to accept passed.

Discussion and Consensus Approval/Support from Task Team members:

- AGFD Aquatic Invasive Species Director's Orders 2011
 - O DO 1 = addition of rusty crayfish; red claw crayfish; didymo (rock snot); New Zealand mudsnail; giant salvinia some discussion on viability of plants, but general agreement on additions.
 - O DO 2 = Update giant salvinia distribution in Arizona to include, "Blythe, CA downsteam on the LCR to the International border with Mexico Morales Dam", and; spelling for Didymo = "geminata"
 - o DO 3:
 - Referencing the AIS Boating Inspection Report (AISBIR) recommendation:
 - Move this whole part down and tab in
 - Discussion on changing "recommended" to "required"; consensus was to not change due to unreasonableness to enforce a new requirement.
 - Change/delete "Note to Owner/Transporters"
 - In the "Day Use" section Move the term "fishing gear and tackle" and place parenthetically behind "Equipment"
 - In the "Long Term Use" section remove "fishing gear and tackle"
 - Add "Remove and Kill" to both sections; consensus was to not add this due to plants.
- DRAFT Arizona Aquatic Species Management Plan (AzAISMP)
 - o Dr. Dave Walker joined and lead discussion.
 - o Dr. Walker captured discussion comments in the current DRAFT version of the AzAISMP
 - o Most discussion (very lively and insightful) revolved around the "Species Prioritization" section
 - These discussion points were captured by Dr. Walker.
- *ACTION ITEM* Tom Mc. will coordinate and schedule the next meeting to finalize the discussion and makeup of the "Species Prioritization" section.
 - Discussion/Coordination ensued; Date agreed upon = Monday, December 6th at 1pm
- *ACTION ITEM* Task Team members agreed to work on their ideas further for the upcoming Task Team meeting on Monday, December 6th and forward any relevant e-mail comments to Dr. Walker.

Next AISAC WG Coordination & Funding Team meeting has been scheduled for 1:00pm on Monday, December 6th, 2010 at the Arizona Game and Fish Department Main office.